

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the following remarks and above amendments, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the present application. As indicated above, independent Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has again rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,636,503 (*Shiran*). Additionally, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

With regard to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, the Examiner is taking issue with the term “directly”, asserting that the PBX is connected to a LAN and then to the Internet. However, as indicated above, Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

As indicated above, the Examiner has again rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Shiran*. However, in *Shiran*, the switch 12 is connected to the communication server 14 through the LAN 16, and not through the Internet, as taught in the present invention. Further, as shown above, independent Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended to more clearly present this feature.

More specifically, Figures 1 and 2 of *Shiran* clearly show a telecommunications switch 12 connected, via a local area network (LAN) 16, to a communication server 14. Contrary to *Shiran*, the present invention describes the PBX with a unique IP (Internet Protocol) address being

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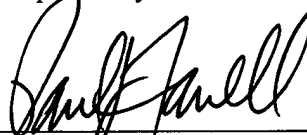
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connected to a web server through the Internet. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 1, 4, and 7 are patentably distinct from the Examiner's cite art, i.e., *Shiran*, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Without conceding the patentability of dependent Claims 2-3, 5-6, and 8, they are likewise believed to be patentably distinct from *Shiran*, as being dependent upon independent Claims 1, 4, and 7, respectively.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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